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### PRESIDENT BUSH NAMES CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that President Bush has nominated Constance B. Harriman as Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. An attorney with the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C., Harriman will assume her post upon confirmation by both the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"Constance Harriman has had a distinguished career as an attorney in government and the private sector," said Secretary Lujan. "I am delighted that she has agreed to serve the President, the Department, and the American people as Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks."

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Stanford University, Harriman has both a B.A. and M.A. in History. In 1980 she earned a J.D. degree from UCLA Law School, where she served on the UCLA Law Review.

From 1985 to 1987, Harriman was Special Assistant to the Solicitor and later Associate Solicitor for Energy and Natural Resources at the Department of the Interior. In this capacity, she advised the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries on natural resource and public land issues. Prior to her service with the Department, Ms. Harriman worked for the California law firm Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. In 1982, Harriman took a one-year leave of absence from the firm to serve as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legal Policy at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"I am honored to be nominated by a President who has pledged to renew our nation's commitment to protect our country's precious natural resources," stated Harriman. I welcome the opportunity to work with the highly trained and dedicated professionals in the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service to implement the President's environmental goals."

The Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks has policy and administrative responsibility for the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Department of the Interior.

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